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In re application of:

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Filed: April 11, 2001

For: THERMOGELLING BIODEGRADABLE  
AQUEOUS POLYMER SOLUTION

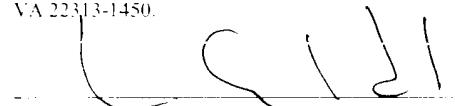
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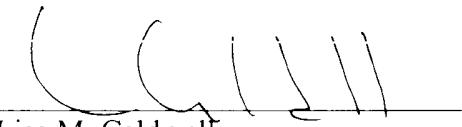
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For	No. after amendment	No. paid for previously	Present Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	31	- 31*	0	\$9.00	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	5	- 5**	0	\$42.00	\$ 0.00
Mult. Dep. Claims Fee (if not previously paid)					\$140.00
One-month Extension of Time					\$55.00
Two-month Extension of Time					\$205.00
Three-month Extension of Time					\$465.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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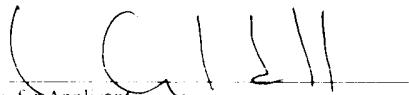
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This responds to the Office action dated May 7, 2003 for the above-referenced application.

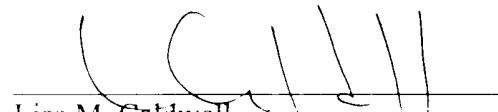
Applicant elects group I, claims 1-8 and 31. Applicant notes, however, that claims 9-17 should be included with the group I claims rather than the group II claims. Claims 9-17 (like claims 1-8) are composition claims – claims 9-17 are not method claims like the remainder of Group II claims. In addition, claim 1 is generic as to claims 9-17. Claim 9 is essentially the same as claim 1 with the further recitation of a bioactive agent added to the polymer recited in claim 1. Accordingly, although Applicant elects group I, Applicant believes that claims 9-17 should be added to the group I claims. Applicant does not traverse the restriction of claims 18-30.

Applicant respectfully requests the application now be examined. If the Examiner has any further inquiries he is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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